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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 11 October 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

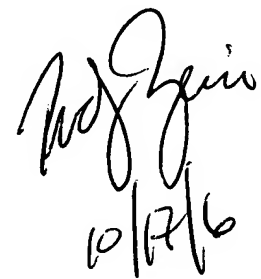
c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*The "substantially fan-shaped" claim limitation is not supported by Applicant's specification at page 10, line 10 or other location. The claim limitation is also believed to be indefinite because such a shape, if it exists, is vague under a number of considerations: 1. What of the many parts of a fan does said shape describe? 2. If not one single fan part, then which? 3. If the claimed fan-shaped part is a blade, then how many fan blades describes a structure that is "substantially fan-shaped"? For these and many other reasons, the proposed amendment IS NOT ENTERED.*

  
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